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SUBJECT: DUPONT CARIBBEAN, INC.

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0620

1. DUPONT CARIBBEAN PRESIDENT DON PIERSON CALLED AT EMBASSY APRIL 23 AGAIN REQUESTING EMBASSY' S INTERVENTION IN PENDING GOH ACTION AGAINST TORTUGA ISLAND CONCESSION. PIERSON STATED HE WAS WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND UNINFORMED ON WHEN NEXT COURT HEARING WILL BE HELD ON HIS CASE. ACCORDING TO PIERSON, GOH JUSTICE SECRETARY FORTUNE CALLED IN PIERSON' S ATTORNEY (GERARD NOEL) AND WARNED HIM AGAINST REPRESENTING DUPONT CARIBBEAN. PIERSON ALSO STATED THAT HIS MONTREAL- BASED ATTORNEYS, MR. AND MRS. ADRIEN POPOVICI, WERE HAILED BEFORE PORT- AU- PRINCE POLICE CHIEF FRANCK ROMAIN AND SECRET POLICE HEAD LUC DESIR EVENING OF APRIL 13. PIERSON STATED POPOVICIS WERE TOLD QTE BEWARE UNQTE AND INFORMED THEY WERE BEING WATCHED CLOSELY. POPOVICIS WERE NOT TOLD TO LEAVE COUNTRY, BUT DEPARTED FOLLOWING DAY AS SCHEDULED. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, PIERSON STRONGLY REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY MAKE KNOWN TO GOH EMBASSY' S AWARENESS OF QTE OFFICIAL INTIMIDATION UNQTE OF PIERSON' S ATTORNEY, AND FURTHER REQUESTED EMBASSY' S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING LEGAL COUNSEL AND IN FINDING OUT WHEN HE MUST NEXT GO BEFORE CIVIL TRIBUNAL.

2. COMMENT: PIERSON ESSENTIALLY HAD NOTHING NEW IN WAY OF INFORMATION SINCE HIS LAST APPROACH TO EMBASSY ON APRIL 12.

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EMBASSY HAS, HOWEVER, UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE DATE OF HEARING, IF SET, AND TO MAKE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS ON AVAILABILITY OF HAITIAN LEGAL COUNSEL FOR HIM. PIERSON IS TAKING THE LINE

THAT SINCE GOH " INTIMIDATION" IS SCARING OFF POTENTIAL
LEGAL ASSISTANCE HE MUST LOOK TO EMBASSY TO INTERVENE IN SOME
FASHION. REGARDING POPVICIS, AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY FINANCE
SECRETARY FRANCISQUE ON APRIL 13 THAT MME. POPOVICI, PIERSON'S
CANADIAN COUNSEL, WAS SPREADING WORD AROUND TOWN THAT CERTAIN
CABINET OFFICIALS, NOTABLY FRANCISQUE, WERE ON THE TAKE.
FRANCISQUE WAS INCENSED, AND THAT IS LIKELY WHAT OCCASIONED
INTERVIEW WITH POLICE CHIEF.
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